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FOR VOA NEWSROOM FOR HEIL/KAMENSKE FROM VOA JIM MILLER;
USIA ALSO FOR I, IOP AND INA; BANGKOK FOR COREY

E.O. 11653: GDS

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEASURES IN INDIA -- PRESS CONTROL:
THREAT TO INDIAN EMPLOYEES OF FOREIGN MEDIA

1. SUNDAY MORNING JUNE 29 NEW MINISTER FOR INFO/BROADCASTING SHUKLA CALLED MEETING IN HIS OFFICE EXCLUSIVELY WITH INDIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE FOREIGN MEDIA IN DELHI. HE ADVISED THEM THAT GOI AWARE SOME EMBASSIES ASSISTING CORRESPONDENTS IN MOVING UNCENSORED COPY. THEREFORE, HE ADDED, EMPLOYEES OF THESE MEDIA WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY NEWS MATERIAL PRINTED OR BROADCAST BY THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATIONS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ATTRIBUTED OR NOT. HE SAID PARENT ORGANIZATION'S EDITORIALS AND ANALYSES EXEMPTED FROM THIS RULE. HE SAID THIS APPLIES AS WELL TO THOSE CORRESPONDENTS WHO SPEND ONE OR TWO DAYS HERE THEN GO TO HONG KONG AND FILE. HE FURTHER SAID ITEMS APPEARING INDIAN NEWS AGENCY WIRES CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED HAVING BEEN CENSORED SINCE "SOME OF THIS MATERIAL FOR DOMESTIC USE ONLY." MATERIAL ON WIRES ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CAN BE CONSIDERED CLEARED.

2. EVENING OF JUNE 28 SHUKLA HAD CALLED A SIMILAR MEETING WITH
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SOME FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS THEMSELVES. I WAS NOT INVITED.

(EMBASSY IS REPORTING THIS IN SEPTTEL.)

3. MINISTER ALSO TOLD INDIAN LOCALS THAT THEIR BOSSES WOULD LATER BE CALLED IN INDIVIDUALLY FOR CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ALREADY SEETHING AND FRUSTRATED PRIOR SUNDAY MEETING AND THIS NEW THREAT TO THEIR INDIAN EMPLOYEES CAN ONLY EXACERBATE SITUATION.

4. I HAVE MADE IT PRACTICE, AS YOU KNOW, TO USE ONLY MATERIAL FROM INDAIN WIRES AND PRESS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED TO BE CENSOR-CLEARED. NEW PROCEDURE, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, PROBABLY MEANS MY COPY MUST GO TO CENSOR. IF KAPOOR AGAIN GETS CALLED FOR MEETING WITH MINISTER, PAO ADVISED THAT I, NOT KAPOOR, SHOULD GO TO REPRESENT VOA BUREAU. I AGREE.

5. TODAY'S DEVELOPMENTS MEAN, OF COURSE, THAT WHATEVER YOU USE IN NEWS SHOWS CAN JEOPARDIZE BUREAU, PARTICULARLY KAPOOR. PRESUME MINISTER MEANT WHAT HE SAID WHEN HE EXEMPTED EDITORIALS AND ANALYSES, BUT MUST WAIT SEE, SINCE GROUND RULES SEEM TO BE CHANGING CONTINUOUSLY. PAO AND I URGE THAT VOA BROADCASTS MORE THAN EVER DRAW CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN NEWS ITEMS ON INDIA, ANALYSIS AND EDITORIAL REACTION OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES AVAILABLE TO VOICE AND IN-THE-CLEAR NEWS ITEMS AND VOICE-FEEDS SUPPLIED BY ME.

6. MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT SUNDAY MEETING ITSELF WAS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE REPORTED AS A NEWS ITEM IN ANY FORM.
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